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In re Application of: **COFLER ET AL.**Serial No.: **10/082,816**Filed: **FEBRUARY 25, 2003**

For: **METHOD OF HANDLING BRANCHING INSTRUCTIONS WITHIN A PROCESSOR,  
IN PARTICULAR A PROCESSOR FOR DIGITAL SIGNAL PROCESSING AND  
CORRESPONDING PROCESSOR**

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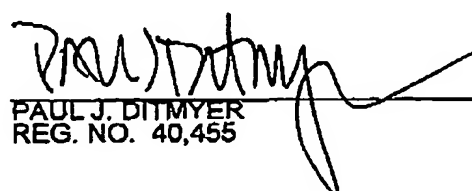
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